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CLAIMS 1-18 (CANCELED)

19. (NEW) A compound selected from those of formula (I):

$$A \longrightarrow Z_{1} \qquad (I),$$

$$A \longrightarrow Z_{1} \qquad Z_{2}$$

$$R_{3} \qquad Z_{2}$$

wherein:

• A, together with the carbon atoms to which it is bonded, represents a group of formula (a) or (b):

wherein:

- ♦ W₁, together with the carbon atoms to which it is bonded, represents phenyl or pyridyl,
 - ☼ Z represents a group selected from hydrogen, halogen, linear or branched (C₁-C6)alkyl, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, linear or branched (C₁-C6)alkoxy, aryl, aryl-(C₁-C6)alkoxy, aryl-(C₁-C6)alkyl-

 C_6)alkyl in which the alkyl moiety is linear or branched, aryloxy, aryl-(C_1 - C_6)alkoxy in which the alkoxy moiety is linear or branched and NR_5R_6 wherein R_5 and R_6 , which may be identical or different, each represents a group selected from hydrogen and linear or branched (C_1 - C_6)alkyl,

- ♦ R₄ represents a group selected from hydrogen, linear or branched (C₁-C₆)alkyl, aryl and aryl-(C₁-C₆)alkyl in which the alkyl moiety is linear or branched or -C(O)-OR'₅ wherein R'₅ represents a group selected from linear or branched (C₁-C₆)alkyl, aryl and aryl-(C₁-C₆)alkyl in which the alkyl moiety is linear or branched,
- Y represents a group selected from oxygen or methylene,
- R₂ represents hydrogen and, in that case:
 R₃ represents a group selected from hydrogen, linear or branched (C₁-C₆)alkyl, aryl, aryl-(C₁-C₆)alkyl in which the alkyl moiety is linear or branched and SO₂CF₃,
- or R₂ and R₃ form a bond,
- R₁ represents a group selected from hydrogen, linear or branched (C₁-C₆)alkyl, aryl, aryl-(C₁-C₆)alkyl in which the alkyl moiety is linear or branched or linear or branched (C₁-C₆)alkylene substituted by one or more identical or different groups selected from -OR"₅ and -NR"₅R"₆ wherein R"₅ and R"₆ have the same meaning as R₅ and R₆ defined hereinbefore,
- Z₁ and Z₂, each represent hydrogen or,
 Z₁ and Z₂, together with the carbon atoms to which they are bonded, form phenyl,

it being understood that:

when Z represents hydrogen, R1 is other than hydrogen,

and aryl may be a phenyl, naphthyl, dihydronaphthyl, tetrahydronaphthyl, indenyl or indanyl group, each of those groups being optionally substituted by one or more identical or different groups selected from halogen, linear or branched (C_1-C_6) alkyl, linear or branched (C_1-C_6) alkyl, hydroxy, linear or branched (C_1-C_6) alkoxy, and amino optionally substituted by one or two linear or branched (C_1-C_6) alkyl groups.

20. (NEW) A compound of Claim 19, which is a compound of formula (IA):

21. (NEW) A compound of Claim 19, which is a compound of formula (IB):

22. (NEW) A compound of Claim 19, which is a compound of formula (IC):

23. (NEW) A compound of Claim 19, which is a compound of formula (ID):

24. (NEW) A compound of Claim 19, which is a compound of formula (IE):

$$Z \xrightarrow{N} O \xrightarrow{R_1} O \xrightarrow{Z_1} C \xrightarrow{R_4} O \xrightarrow{R_3} C$$

25. (NEW) A compound of Claim 19, which is a compound of formula (IF):

$$Z \xrightarrow{Q} Q \xrightarrow{R_1} Q \xrightarrow{Q} Z_1 \qquad (IF)$$

$$Z \xrightarrow{Q} Z_2 \qquad \vdots$$

$$R_3 \qquad \vdots$$

26. (NEW) A compound of Claim 19, which is a compound of formula (IG):

27. (NEW) A compound of Claim 19, which is a compound of formula (IH):

$$Z \xrightarrow{O} \xrightarrow{N} O \qquad (IH)$$

$$R_4 \qquad O \qquad Z_1 \qquad .$$

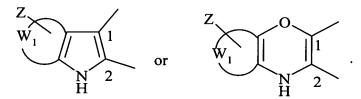
28. (NEW) A compound of Claim 19, which is a compound of formula (IJ):

$$Z \xrightarrow{O} \xrightarrow{N} O \qquad (IJ)$$

$$R_4 \qquad O \qquad Z_1 \qquad .$$

29. (NEW) A compound of Claim 19, wherein Z represents hydrogen, halogen or hydroxy.

30. (NEW) A compound of Claim 19, wherein A, together with the carbon atoms to which it is bonded, represents a group of formula:



- 31. (NEW) A compound of Claim 19, wherein R₃ represents hydrogen or linear or branched (C₁-C₆) alkyl.
- **32.** (NEW) A compound of Claim 19, wherein R₁ represents hydrogen or linear or branched (C₁-C₆)alkyl or linear or branched (C₁-C₆)alkylene substituted by one or more identical or different groups selected from -NR₅R₆ wherein R₅ and R₆ are as defined for formula (I).
- 33. (NEW) A compound of Claim 19, wherein Z_1 and Z_2 represent hydrogen.
- 34. (NEW) A compound of Claim 19, which is selected from:
- 7-methyl[1,4]benzodioxino[2,3-a]pyrrolo[3,4-c]carbazole-6,8-dione,
- 10-fluoro-7-methyl[1,4]benzodioxino[2,3-a]pyrrolo[3,4-c]carbazole-6,8-dione,
- 11-fluoro-7-methyl[1,4]benzodioxino[2,3-a]pyrrolo[3,4-c]carbazole-6,8-dione,
- 7-[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-10-fluoro[1,4]benzodioxino[2,3-a]pyrrolo[3,4-c]-carbazole-6,8-dione,
- 10-hydroxy[1,4]benzodioxino[2,3-a]pyrrolo[3,4-c]carbazole-6,8-dione,
- 11-hydroxy[1,4]benzodioxino[2,3-a]pyrrolo[3,4-c]carbazole-6,8-dione,
- 7-[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl][1,4]benzodioxino[2,3-a]pyrrolo[3,4-c]carbazole-6,8-dione,
- 7-[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-10-hydroxy[1,4]benzodioxino[2,3-a]pyrrolo[3,4-c]-carbazole-6,8-dione,
- 7-[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-11-hydroxy[1,4]benzodioxino[2,3-a]pyrrolo[3,4-c]-carbazole-6,8-dione, and

- 7-[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl][1,4]benzodioxino[2,3-e]-pyrido[2',3':5,6][1,4]oxazino-[3,2-g]isoindole-6,8-dione.
- 35. (NEW) A method for treating a living animal body, including a human, afflicted with cancer comprising the step of administering to the living animal body, including a human, an amount of a compound of Claim 19, which is effective for alleviation of cancer
- **36.** (NEW) A pharmaceutical composition useful in treating cancer comprising as active principle an effective amount of a compound of Claim 19, together with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients or vehicles.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A compound selected from those of formula (I):

$$A \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} R_1 \\ N \\ N \\ O \\ Y \\ R_2 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} Z_1 \\ Z_2 \\ R_3 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (I)

wherein:

- A is as defined in the description,
- Y represents a group selected from oxygen and methylene,
- R₂ represents hydrogen and in that case:
 R₃ represents a group selected from hydrogen, linear or branched (C₁-C₆)alkyl, aryl, aryl-(C₁-C₆)alkyl and SO₂CF₃,
- or R₂ and R₃ form a bond,
- R₁ represents a group selected from hydrogen, linear or branched (C₁-C₆)alkyl, aryl and aryl-(C₁-C₆)alkyl or linear or branched (C₁-C₆)alkylene,
- Z₁ and Z₂, each represent hydrogen or
 Z₁ and Z₂, together with the carbon atoms carrying them, form phenyl,

its isomers, and addition salts thereof with a pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base, and medicinal products containing the same which are useful in the treatment of cancer.